

AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION  
AND  
THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND  
THE POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION  
REGARDING

License reciprocity for recreational fishing in the tidal saltwaters of Virginia, the tidal waters of Maryland, and the tidal waters of the Potomac River under the jurisdiction of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission each require licenses for recreational fishing in their respective tidal waters or tidal saltwaters;

WHEREAS, Section 28.2-302.5 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to determine license reciprocity for holders of valid recreational fishing licenses issued by another state or jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Sections 4-205 and 4-745 of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorize the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Potomac River Fisheries

Commission regarding reciprocal recreational fishing privileges in tidal waters under the jurisdiction of Maryland;

WHEREAS, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission is authorized to determine license reciprocity for holders of valid recreational fishing licenses issued by another jurisdiction, in accordance with Section 4, of Regulation VI, of that Commission;

WHEREAS, the tidal saltwaters of Virginia, the tidal waters of Maryland, and the tidal waters of the Potomac River are adjacent and share common boundaries;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Natural Resources Article §4-745 Annotated Code of Maryland, the Secretary of Natural Resources has published notice in the Maryland Register, his determination that requirements for recreational fishing licenses in the tidal saltwaters of Virginia and the tidal waters of the Potomac River are substantially similar to and reciprocal with the Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license;

WHEREAS, the recreational license requirements for fishing in the tidal saltwaters of Virginia and in the tidal waters of Maryland, and in the tidal waters of the Potomac River are similar; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission will honor valid recreational fishing licenses issued by any of these jurisdictions, for use in their respective waters, as follows:

1. Licenses approved for reciprocity

Virginia saltwater recreational fishing licenses honored in Maryland and Potomac River tidal waters are:

- Individual annual license
- Individual temporary (10-day) license
- Private boat license (covers all persons fishing on boat)
- Charter boat and head boat licenses (covers all persons fishing on boat)
- Rental boat license (covers all persons fishing on boat)

Maryland tidal recreational fishing licenses honored in Virginia tidal saltwaters and Potomac River tidal waters are:

- Individual annual resident license
- Consolidated senior license
- Individual annual nonresident license
- Individual short-term (5-day) license
- Private boat license (covers all persons fishing on boat)
- Charter boat and head boat licenses (covers all persons fishing on boat)

- Combination commercial/recreational (tidal fish) license

Potomac River Fisheries Commission recreational fishing licenses honored in Virginia tidal saltwaters and Maryland tidal waters are:

- Individual annual license
- Private boat license (covers all persons fishing on boat)
- Charter boat license (covers all persons fishing on boat)
- Rental boat license (covers all persons fishing on boat)

## 2. Reciprocity Conditions

This agreement authorizes the holder of a valid saltwater or tidal water recreational fishing license issued by any one of these jurisdictions to fish in the tidal waters of all of these jurisdictions.

→ \* Reciprocity extends only to the specific licenses listed in paragraph 1 above. Other requirements of the individual jurisdictions for special permits, operator or guide licenses, etc., must be observed.

Persons entering the waters of these jurisdictions are subject to each jurisdiction's respective laws, rules, regulations, and amendments thereto. This includes such conservation measures as seasonal restrictions, catch limits, and restrictions on the sale of fish caught by noncommercial fishermen.

**3. Effective Date**

This agreement becomes effective on January 1, 1993.

**4. Amendment Provision**

This agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the jurisdictions at any time.

**5. Termination Provision**

This agreement shall remain in effect until ninety days from the date of written notice of discontinuance given by any jurisdiction to the others, or upon the effective date of repeal of underlying statutory authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the jurisdictions have caused this Agreement to be executed by the signatures of their authorized officers placed hereon.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

BY Elizabeth H. Haskell  
Elizabeth H. Haskell  
Secretary of Natural Resources

DATE November 19, 1992

STATE OF MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY Torrey C. Brown, M.D.  
Torrey C. Brown, M.D.,  
Secretary

DATE November 19, 1992

POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION

BY William A. Hudnall  
William A. Hudnall  
Chairman

DATE November 19, 1992

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Legal Officer  
Potomac River Fisheries Commission

*AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE VIRGINIA MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION  
AND  
THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES*

License reciprocity for recreational fishing with a fishing guide in the tidal saltwaters of Virginia and the tidal waters of Maryland except the Potomac River.

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland each require licenses for operating as a fishing guide in their respective tidal waters or tidal saltwaters;

WHEREAS, Section 28.2 – 302.5 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commissioner of Marine Resources to determine license reciprocity for holders of valid fishing guide licenses issued by another state or jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, Sections 4-205 and 4-745 of the Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland authorize the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources to enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia regarding reciprocal fishing guide privileges in tidal waters under the jurisdiction of Maryland except the Potomac River;

WHEREAS, the tidal saltwaters of Virginia and the tidal waters of Maryland are adjacent and share common boundaries;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Natural Resources Article §4-475 Annotated Code of Maryland, the Secretary of Natural Resources has published notice in the Maryland Register, his determination that requirements for fishing guide licenses in the tidal saltwaters of Virginia are substantially similar to and reciprocal with the fishing guide license in Maryland;

WHEREAS, the fishing guide license requirements for fishing in the tidal saltwaters of Virginia and in the tidal waters of Maryland are similar; now, therefore, be it resolved that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland will honor valid fishing guide licenses issued by any of these jurisdictions, for use in their respective waters, as follows:

**1. Licenses approved for reciprocity**

Virginia saltwater fishing guide licenses honored in Maryland tidal waters are:

- Class A fishing guide license

Maryland tidal fishing guide licenses honored in Virginia tidal saltwaters are:

- Resident and Nonresident Fishing guide license

**2. Reciprocity Conditions**

This agreement authorizes the holder of a valid saltwater or tidal water fishing guide license issued by any one of these jurisdictions to fish in the tidal waters of all of these jurisdictions except the Potomac River.

Reciprocity extends only to the specific licenses listed in paragraph 1 above. Other requirements of the individual jurisdictions for special permits must be observed.

Persons entering the waters of these jurisdictions are subject to each jurisdiction's respective laws, rules, regulations, and amendments thereto. This includes such conservation measures as seasonal restrictions, catch limits, and restrictions on the sale of fish caught by noncommercial fishermen. A person found in violation of any of these measures by the respective jurisdiction may be subject to revocation of his license reciprocity privilege.

**3. Effective Date**

This agreement becomes effective on January 1, 2009.

**4. Amendment Provision**

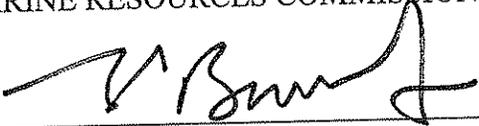
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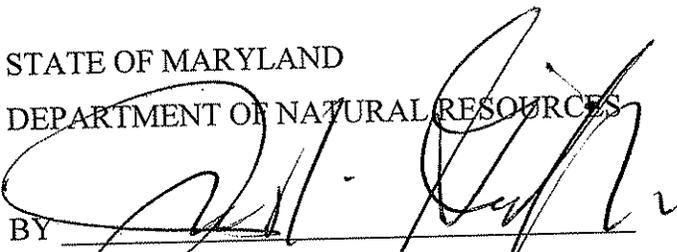
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

BY 

L. Preston Bryant, Jr.  
Secretary of Natural Resources

DATE December 31, 2008

STATE OF MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY 

John R. Griffin  
Secretary of Natural Resources

DATE December 23, 2008

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